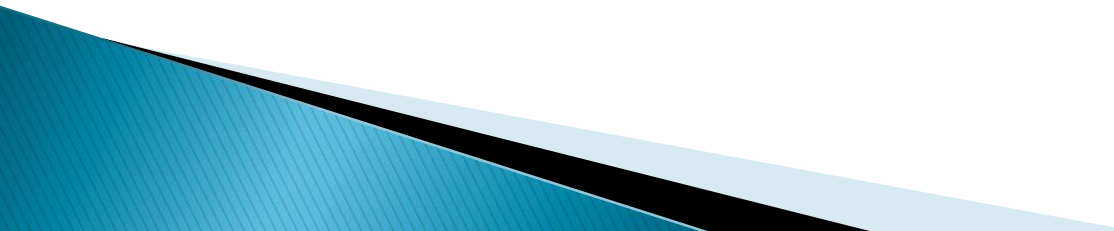


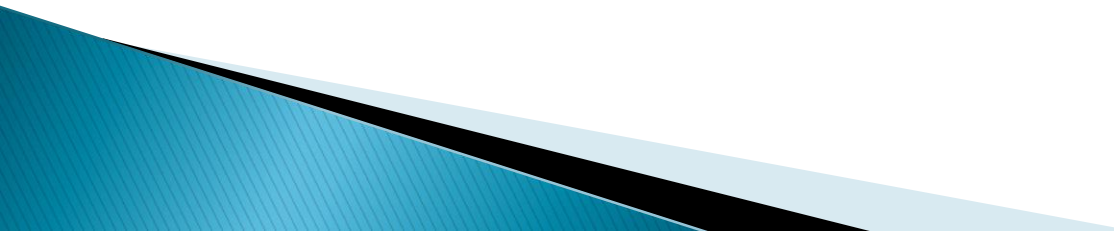


VETERANS HEALTH CARE BENEFITS OVERVIEW

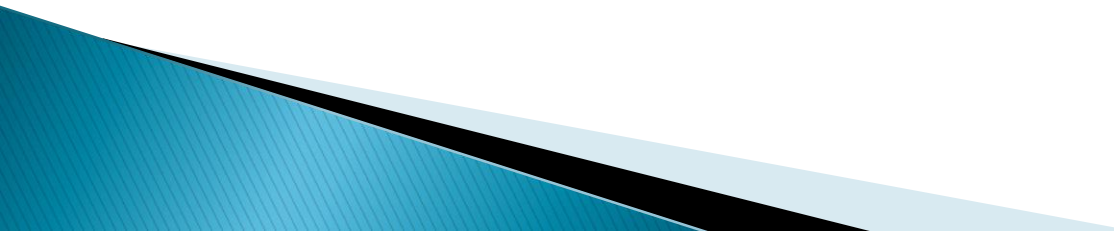
Defining a Veteran for VA Health Care Benefits

- ▶ A veteran is a person who served in the active military, naval or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable
 - ▶ Former Reservists may be eligible for VA health care benefits if they served full-time and for conflict or combat time operational or support (excludes training) purposes
 - ▶ Former National Guard members may be eligible for care or enrollment if mobilized by a Federal order
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Character of Discharge

- ▶ Veterans with Honorable, General or Under Honorable Conditions character of discharge are eligible for VA health care benefits *as long as minimum duty requirements are met*
 - ▶ Veterans given Other than Honorable (OTH) discharges and those upgraded from OTH to General *require VARO review and decision* before routine care may be provided
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Minimum Duty Requirements

- ▶ Persons enlisting in the Armed Forces after 9/7/80 (enlisted), or who entered on active duty after 10/16/81, are not eligible for VHA benefits unless they completed:
 - 24 months continuous active service, *or*
 - the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty
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Excluded from the Minimum Duty Requirements

38 USC 5303A – Minimum active duty requirements do not apply to persons discharged or released from active duty for:

- Early out
 - 21 of 24 month tour
- Hardship
- Disability that was incurred or aggravated in line of duty Or veterans with compensable SC disability



VA HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT

Medical Benefits Package (Standard Benefits)

- VA's medical benefits package provides the following health care services to all enrolled veterans



Medical Benefits Package (Standard Benefits)

Preventive Care Services

- Immunizations
- Physical Examinations
- Health Care Assessments
- Screening Tests
- Health Education Programs



Medical Benefits Package (Standard Benefits)

Ambulatory (Outpatient) Diagnostic and Treatment Services

- Emergency outpatient care in VA facilities
- Medical
- Surgical (including reconstructive/plastic surgery as a result of disease or trauma)
- Chiropractic Care
- Mental Health
- Bereavement Counseling
- Substance Abuse



Medical Benefits Package (Standard Benefits)

Hospital (Inpatient) Diagnostic and Treatment

- Emergency inpatient care in VA facilities
- Medical
- Surgical (including reconstructive/plastic surgery as a result of disease or trauma)
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse



Medical Benefits Package (Standard Benefits)

Medications and Supplies

- Prescription medications
- Over-the counter medications
- Medical and surgical supplies



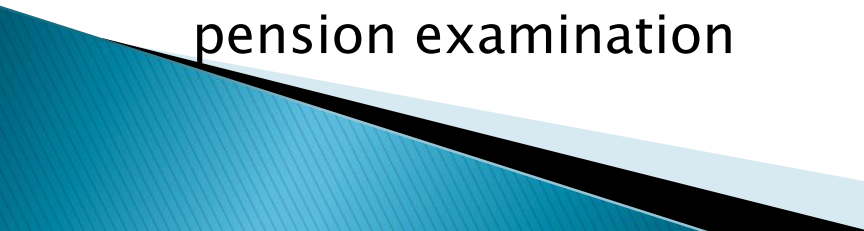
Veteran Beneficiary Travel Program

Basic Veteran Beneficiary Travel (BT)

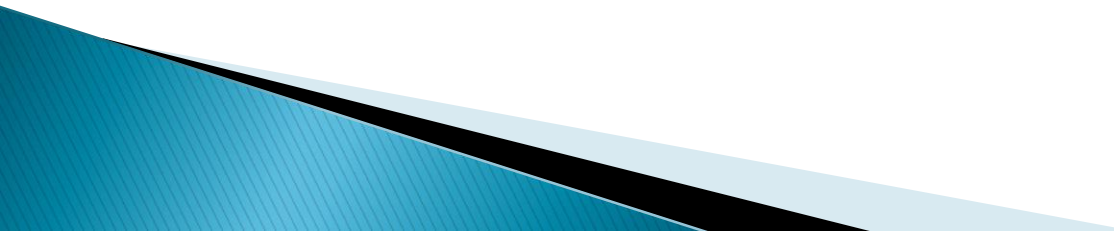
Eligibility Overview

If a Veteran meets the criteria below, he/she may be eligible for mileage reimbursement or special mode transport in association with obtaining VA health care services.

Veteran Qualifies If:

- ▶ (1) Veteran has a service-connected (SC) rating of 30 percent or more, or
 - ▶ (2) Veteran is traveling for treatment of a SC condition, or
 - ▶ (3) Veteran receives a VA pension, or
 - ▶ (4) Veterans income does not exceed the maximum annual VA pension rate, or
 - ▶ (5) Veteran is traveling for a scheduled compensation or pension examination
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Non VA Care (Fee Basis)

- ▶ Definition of Non VA Care: Services provided to Veterans in non-VA medical facilities at VA expense.
 - ▶ Basic Provisions:
 - Non-VA Care may be authorized in advance when VA services are unavailable or cannot be economically provided.
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Non VA Care continued

- Non-VA facility care is not considered permanent status for a veteran.

Fee Programs:

Outpatient Medical

Non-VA Hospital

Pharmacy

Dental

Unauthorized Claims

Mill Bill



Non VA Care (Fee Basis)

Unauthorized – VA may authorize non-VA services for Veterans in emergent situations when they meet these criteria:

- Care is emergent
- The condition treated is SC or the Veteran is rated P&T
- VA facilities are unavailable

Mill Bill – NSC Veterans may be eligible when:

- Care is emergent
 - Treated in a VA facility within the past 24 months
 - No other insurance coverage
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Points of Contact

Business Office

1-800-329-8387, dial 1 and extension 76542

Non VA Call Center

1-800-329-8387, dial 1 and extension 64545

Travel

1-800-329-8387, dial 1 and extension 62120



For additional information on Health Care Benefits

- ▶ For the latest Veterans Health Benefits Guide, please go to the following link:

<http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/resources/epublications.asp>